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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2715.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2004 BUDGET: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed open and closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and General John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: On Wednesday, February 5, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Sessions (Chairman), McCain, Inhofe, Roberts, Talent, Chambliss, Dole, Lieberman, Akaka, Dayton, Bayh, Clinton, and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Roberts (Chairman), Allard, Collins, Ensign, Talent, Chambliss, Graham (SC), Dole, Cornyn, Reed, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Bayh, and Clinton.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Chambliss (Chairman), Collins, Dole, Cornyn, Nelson (NE), Kennedy, and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Ensign (Chairman), McCain, Inhofe, Roberts, Allard, Sessions, Talent, Chambliss, Cornyn, Akaka, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Dayton, Bayh, Clinton, and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Talent (Chairman), McCain, Collins, Graham (SC), Kennedy, Lieberman, and Reed.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Allard (Chairman), Inhofe, Sessions, Ensign, Graham (SC), Cornyn, Nelson (FL), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), and Dayton.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, focusing on the financing of airport improvement and expansion, including the Airport Improvement Program, as well as passenger facilities charges (PFCs) and airport bonds, receiving testimony from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, General Accounting Office; Woodie Woodward, Associate Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; and David Z. Plavin, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Airports Council International—North America, and the American Association of Airport Executives.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

2004 BUDGET: ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

ENERGY SUPPLY AND PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the outlook for natural gas supply and prices in the United States, focusing on conservation and consumption, after receiving testimony from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Robert W. Best, Atmos Energy, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Gas Association; Keith O. Rattie, Questar Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah; and David H. Welch, British Petroleum's Alaska-Canada Pipelines, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

WORLD HUNGER REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee on concluded hearings to examine the state of the World Report on Hunger from Africa to North Korea focusing on the status of worldwide food security, the role of U.S. food aid programs, global hunger, and humanitarian assistance, after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Ken Hackett, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland; Ellen S. Levinson, Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft, and Joachim Von Braun, International Food Policy Research Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and James T. Morris, United Nations World Food Program, Rome, Italy.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN FEDERAL RECOGNITION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, receiving testimony from Representative Case; American Samoa Delegate Eni Faleomavaega, Vailoatai; and Hawaii Governor Linda

Lingle, Micah A. Kane, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Haunani Apoliona, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all of Honolulu.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, February 27.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 868–917; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 24–25; H. Con. Res. 52–55, and H. Res. 87–103 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 13, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act (H. Rept. 108–16);

H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank (H. Rept. 108–17);

H.R. 534, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning (H. Rept. 108–18); and

H.R. 657, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to augment the emergency authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission (H. Rept. 108–19).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Capito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Meeting Hours—Wednesday, February 26 and Thursday, February 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday February 26. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 27.

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Committee Election—Majority Members: The House agreed to H. Res. 98, electing Representative King of Iowa to the Committee on Small Business

and Representative Murphy to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Official Photographs of the House on March 12, 2003: H. Res. 67, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on March 12, 2003;

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Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 40, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (agreed to by yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 34); and

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Honoring the Life of Al Hirschfeld and His Legacy: H. Res. 46, honoring the life of Al Hirschfeld and his legacy (agreed to by yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 33).

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Presidential Message—National Emergency re Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–41).

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Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Awards Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives McKeon and Biggert to the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Awards Board.

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